

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Sri K.V.S.R.Krishnarao, VRO, Ganugupenta (V) (Challagirigala Cluster), Kanigiri (M), Prakasam District (Retd.) - Misappropriation of Government Money in distribution of input subsidy to ryots - Disciplinary action initiated - Articles of Charge issued - Enquiry conducted - Charged Officer retired on 31.08.2016 - Disciplinary proceedings concluded under Rule 9 of the A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 - Awarding a punishment of "withholding 2% pension for a period of one year" against him - Orders Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 843

Dated: 26-10-2020

Read the following:-

1. From CCLA, Lr.No.VS.II(3)/643/2018, Dt.18.06.2018 together with the report of District Collector in Rc.A1/1993/2009 (e.office No.79435) dt:27.05.2018.
2. From the District Collector, Prakasam, Lr. in Rc.A1/1993/2009 (e.office No.79435) dt:05.12.2018.
3. Govt.Memo.No.18021/73/2018-Vig.III(1), Dt:02.08.2019.
4. Reptn Dt:16.09.2019 of Sri K.V.S.R. Krishna Rao, V.R.O. (Retd.), Chllagirigala Cluster, Kanigiri Mandal, Prakasam District.
5. Govt.Letter.No.18021/73/2018-Vig.III(1), Rev (Vig.III) Dept, Dt:08.07.2020
6. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter.No.170/DC&C/2020, Dated:25.08.2020

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada has brought to the notice of the Government that Sri K.V.S.R.Krishnarao, VRO (Retired on 31.08.2016), while working as VRO, Ganugupenta (V) (Challagirigala Cluster) Kanigiri (M) has committed certain irregularities in distribution of Cheques sanctioned towards input subsidy to the farmers and misappropriated the Government money to a tune of Rs.43,500/- by forging the signatures of the farmers in the Bank for his personal gain and misused his official position. The Collector, Prakasam District has framed the following articles of charges against the charged Officer vide Collector's Progs.dt: 21.03.2011.

Charge :

That Sri K.V.S.R. Krishna Rao, while working as VRO, Challagirigala Cluster of Kanigiri Mandal, committed serious irregularities in distribution of Cheques sanctioned towards input subsidy to the Ryots and misappropriated the Government money to a tune of Rs.43,500/- by forge ring the signatures of Ryots in the Bank for his personal gain and misused his official position. He indulged in this illegal and corruption acts. It shows his corruptive attitude, which amounts to misconduct as per the provisions contained under Rule 3 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964. He is demanding money as bribe from the Ryots to do official favour, which is most improper on the part of his job.

According to guidelines issued in G.O.Ms.No.105, Rev. V.A.(1) Department dt.31.01.2007, "the Village Revenue Officer should necessary reside in the village or in one of the village under his charge". He has not residing in his charge villages and not discharged his legitimate duties properly, resulting in the public are facing troubles a lot. Hence the charge.

2. And whereas, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence denying the charges. Since the explanation of the Charged Officer is not satisfactory, the Collector, Prakasam has appointed the RDO, Kandukur as Inquiry Officer and the Tahsildar, Kanigiri as P.O vide Proc. dated.29.04.2011. The Inquiry Officer & RDO, Kandukur has submitted his enquiry report vide Rc.No.J/689/2012, dt.10.05.2012 against the charged officer and held that the charges are not proved.

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The District Collector, Prakasam has found that the RDO, Kandukur has not discussed in his report AoCs wise. He has not enquired the persons whose names are discussed in the charge list to ascertain the truth of facts of the case and not revealed the facts of the case and not conducted as per procedure prescribed by the Government. Hence, again the then RDO, Kandukur has been appointed as Inquiry Officer under sub-rule 2 of Rules 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against Sri K.V.S.R.Krishna Rao and also to file a Criminal case against him, vide proc. dt.10.09.2012. The Tahsildar, Kanigiri was appointed as Presenting Officer. The RDO, Kandukur & Inquiry Officer has submitted his enquiry report dt.08.12.2017 and concluded that the Charged Officer committed the irregularities in his legitimate duties in disbursement of cheques to the beneficiaries and he is liable for punishment under A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. And whereas, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada while furnishing the report of the District Collector, Prakasam along with the connected records, has requested the Government for concluding the disciplinary action against Sri K.V.S.R.Krishna Rao, former VRO, Challagirigala Cluster, Kanigiri Mandal, Prakasam District under Rule (9) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, since the individual was retired from service on 31.08.2016 on attaining the age of superannuation.

4. Further, a copy of the enquiry report was communicated to the Charged Officer Sri K.V.S.R. Krishna Rao, VRO (Retd.), Challagirigala Cluster, Kanigiri (M), Kandukur Division, Prakasam District (Retired) and directed to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the enquiry officer, vide Memo., Dated.19.09.2018. In reply, the charged officer Sri K.V.S.R.Krishna Rao, V.R.O (Retd) has submitted his explanation.

5. Government, after careful examination of the enquiry report and further explanation of the Charged Officer, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding 2% pension for a period of one year against Sri K.V.S.R.Krishnarao, VRO, Ganugupenta (V) (Challagirigala Cluster), Kanigiri (M), Prakasam District, (Retd.) Accordingly, a show cause notice has been issued to the C.O., as to why a punishment of "withholding 2% pension for a period of one year" should not be imposed upon him and submit his representation if any, vide the memo 3rd read above.

6. In response to the Show Cause Notice, the Charged officer Sri K.V.S.R.Krishnarao, VRO, Ganugupenta (V) (Challagirigala Cluster), Kanigiri (M), Prakasam District,(Retd.) has submitted his explanation reiterating his earlier contentions and requested to exonerate him of the charge levelled against him and to rescind the proposal to cut 2% cut in pension for one year.

7. Government after examination of the explanation of the delinquent officer, has decided to confirm the provisional decision taken i.e, to impose a punishment of "withholding 2% pension for a period of one year" against the Charged Officer in terms of Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules,1980. Accordingly, the Secretary, APPSC was requested to place the above proposal of the Govt., before the Commission and further their concurrence to the Government for taking further action in the matter, vide the reference 5th read above.

8. In the reference 6th read above, the Secretary, APPSC has informed that after careful examination of the disciplinary case in the light of the records made available, Commission agrees with the proposals of the Government, to impose a punishment of "withholding 2% pension for a period of one year" against Sri K.V.S.R.Krishnarao, VRO, Ganugupenta (V) (Challagirigala Cluster), Kanigiri (M), Prakasam District (Retd.) and advise accordingly.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided to confirm the provisional decision taken and accordingly hereby order to impose punishment of

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"withholding 2% pension for a period of one year " against Sri K.V.S.R.Krishnarao, VRO, Ganugupenta (V) (Challagirigala Cluster), Kanigiri (M), Prakasam District (Retd.) under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules 1980.

10. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada/ the Collector, Prakasam District shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**V. USHARANI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri K.V.S.R.Krishnarao, VRO, Ganugupenta (V) (Challagirigala Cluster), Kanigiri (M), Prakasam District (Retd.) through the Collector, Prakasam District, Ongole.

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Collector, Prakasam District, Ongole.

Copy to:

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.

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SECTION OFFICER